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RESERVE FUND.....\$3,000,000
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ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
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and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

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chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 25, 1888. 363

NOTICE.
RULES OF THE HONGKONG
SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will
be conducted by the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their
premises in Hongkong. Business hours
on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10
to 1.

2.—Some less than \$1, or more than \$250
at one time will not be received. No
depositor may deposit more than \$2,500
in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having
\$100 or more at their credit may at
their option transfer the same to the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration on fixed deposit for 12 months
at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per
annum will be allowed to depositors in
their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis
with a Pass-Book which must be pre-
sented with each payment or with
drawal. Depositors must not make
any entries themselves in their Pass-
Books, but should send them to be
written up at least twice a year, about
the beginning of January and begin-
ning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of
the Bank, if needed. On Hongkong
Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free
by the various British Post Offices in
Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand,
but the personal attendance of the
depositor or his duly appointed agent,
and the production of his Pass-Book
are necessary.

OF THE
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 1, 1888. 754

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

M. R. GROTE HAS THIS DAY been
Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.

CHATER & VERNON.

Hongkong, January 15, 1888.

NOTICE.

MR. GEORGE DIXWELL FEARON
was ADMITTED a PARTNER in our
Firm on the 1st January, 1888.

DEACON & CO.

London, 2nd April, 1888. 633

NOW PUBLISHED.

BUDDHISM: ITS HISTORICAL
THEORETICAL AND POPULAR
ASPECTS.

BY
ERNEST J. EITEL, PH.D., TURIN,
SECOND EDITION,
REVISED, WITH ADDITIONS.

Price, \$1.50.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, August 20, 1888. 1468

Intimations.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT
SEVEN PER CENT. SILVER
LOAN " of 1886.

THIRD DRAWING.

INTEREST due and DRAWN BONDS
of this LOAN will be Payable at the
OFFICES of the CORPORATION on and after
the 31st Instant.

LISTS of DRAWN BONDS can be obtained
on application to the Undermentioned.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,

Agents Issuing the Loan,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 31, 1888. 543

CENTRAL EXCHANGE 13, PRATA CENTRAL.

THE above Company's EXCHANGE is
NOW OPEN for Telephonic Communi-

cation.
Rate of Subscription is \$80 per Annum,
payable quarterly in advance. Electrical
Material of all descriptions kept in stock
for Sale.

ELECTRIC BELLS a speciality.

Houses fitted up and kept in order at
most Moderate Prices.

TELEPHONE MATERIAL supplied on
Sale or Hire.

AGENTS for ELECTRIC LIGHTING,
both ARC and INCANDESCENT.
Estimates furnished free.

HAROLD DOWSON,
Agent,

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, August 24, 1888. 1016

NOTICE.

FOR the Convenience of Customers, the
Productions of the CHINA SUGAR
REFINING CO. LTD., can hence-
ward be obtained by RETAIL, FOR
CASH, at No. 3, PEEL STREET, at the same
place as at the REFINERY; or Retail
Orders will be delivered at addresses in
town on applications forwarding their Monthly
Requirements in writing direct to the
REFINERY at East Point.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, July 27, 1888. 1128

A LADY residing in England wishes to
have two of THREE CHILDREN to
EDUCATE with her.

Careful training with the advantage of
FRENCH and GERMAN taught in an ENGLISH
home.

Good References required and exchanged.
Apply to

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, March 27, 1888. 512

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF AND GODOWN COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS
DISCHARGING BOMBAY COT-
TON AND COTTON YARN at the KOW-
LOON WHARF will have FREE STOREAGE
for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent of
3 CENTS per hale per month will be
Charged.

ISAAC HUGHES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 7, 1887. 2148

THE BOMBAY AND KOWLOON
WHARF AND GODOWN COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

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Charged.

J. COOK, Proprietor.

Hongkong, February 21, 1888. 286

STAG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE.

Tiffin at 1 o'Clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

Tiffin 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINE, SPIRITS AND MALT LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY OPEN.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 607

Victoria Hotel,
Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central
and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost
the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government
Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged
and improved and is now one of the principal HOTELS in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most
comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The ACCOMMODATION and SERVICE of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious,
large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD
and SMOKING ROOMS.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1888. 1612

INTIMATIONS.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

MODERATE FEES.

DIAMOND'S

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,
A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON
PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 743

A RAMBLE THROUGH SOUTHERN
FORMOSA.—By Mr. G. TAYLOR.

This Article, which has been reprinted
from the China Review, contains one of the
best Sketches of Formosan Life yet written.

A few rough-executed Woodcuts are
included in the pamphlet.

May be had—Price, \$1 at Messrs. LANE,
CRAWFORD & CO.'s, and Messrs. KELLY &
WALSH, LIMITED, Hongkong; also, Mr. N.
MOAILE, Amoy.

Hongkong, March 3, 1888. 303

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are
respectfully informed that, if upon
their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of
the Company's FOREMEN should be at
hand, Orders for REPAIRS should be sent to the
HEAD OFFICE No. 14, Praya Central, with
Price, 75 cents.

In the Event of Complaints being found
necessary, Communication with the Under-
signed is requested, when immediate steps
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-
satisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 26, 1888. 1468

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NOTICE.

CHINA MAIL.

Hongkong, August 26, 1888. 1468

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED A V

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
JULES MUMM & CO.'S
CHAMPAIGNE.
Quarts..... \$20 per Case of 1 doz.
Pints..... \$3 " " " "
Dubois Frères & Co. & Co.'s
BORDEAUX CLAIRET AND
WHITE WINES.
Baxier's Celebrated 'Barley' Bree'
WHISKY.—\$74 per Case of 1 doz.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Hongkong, July 18, 1888. 553

**BALL PROGRAMMES
FOR SALE.**
IN NEW STYLES AND PATTERNS
" CHINA MAIL" OFFICE,
2, WINDHAM STREET.
January 20, 1888.

To-day's Advertisements.

UNION LINE.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.
The Steamship
Galleys of Lorne,
Capt. GRANDIN, will be
despatched for the above
Port TO-MORROW, the 5th Instant, at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 4, 1888. 549

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR HOIHOW, SINGAPORE AND
BANGKOK.

The Company's Steamer
Davao,
Capt. P. H. LOFF, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on FRIDAY, the 6th Instant, at
8 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
YUEN FET HONG,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 4, 1888. 550

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.
The Steamship
Iphigenia,
Capt. L. VOLTNER, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SATURDAY, the 7th Inst., at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 4, 1888. 547

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking cargo & passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-
CHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Dundans,
Capt. P. HUNDY, will be
despatched as above on
THURSDAY, the 12th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 4, 1888. 554

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.
In the Goods of HENRY STEAD, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 9 of 1870, Section 3, an Order has been made by the Honorable JAMES BRISBANE, Acting Chief Justice of the said Court, limiting the time for Creditors and others to send in their CLAIMS against the above Estate to the 28th September, 1888, on or before which date all Claims must be proved.

All Persons INDEBTED to the said Estate are requested to make immediate Payment to
EDW. J. ACKROYD,
Official Administrator.

RECONSTITUTION, SUPREME COURT,
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1888. 551

PUBLIC AUCTION.

M R. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on

THURSDAY,

the 26th April instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., at the Premises,—

ALL THOSE ADJOINING PIECES
OR PARCELS OF GROUND,

now known and registered in the LAND
OFFICE, as INLAND Lots Nos. 27,
339, 300, 391, 707, 708 and 716, with the BUILDINGS thereon, situate as to the First mentioned Lot, in PEEL
STREET and ROBINSON ROAD, and as to the Remaining Lots, in ST. JOHNSON
ROAD and MOSCOW JUNCTION.

The whole Property to be Sold in Four
Lots.

For Plans, Particulars and Conditions of
Sale, apply to

CALDWELL & WILKINSON,
Solicitors for the Vendor,
or to
The Auctioneer.
Hongkong, April 4, 1888. 555

UNION LINE.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM LONDON, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Galleys of Lorne*, Captain
GRANDIN, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading to
the Undersigned for counter-signature, and
to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

The Steamer is berthed at Kowloon
Pier, and Cargo impeding her discharge will
be at once landed and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance
will be effected.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 10th Instant, or they will not be re-
cognised.

RUSSELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 4, 1888. 548

To-day's Advertisements.

HONG KONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE Second Yearly General MEETING
of the MEMBERS of the CLUB will
be held at the CLUB HOUSE, on THURS-
DAY, 12th April, at 4 p.m.

By Order, C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, April 4, 1888. 553

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Iphigenia*, Captain VOLTNER,
having arrived from the above Ports,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature by the Undersigned, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before NOV-
EMBER, the 4th Instant.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will
be landed into the Godowns of the KOW-
LOON PIER AND GODOWNS CO., and stored at
Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left our Godowns, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 10th Inst.
will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 10th Instant, at
4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 4, 1888. 516

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM-
NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM BATAVIA.

THE Company's S.S. *Clebes*, having ar-
rived from the above Port, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed at their risk
into the Godowns of the HONGKONG
WHARF AND GODOWNS CO., LTD., at
West Point, whence delivery may be
obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
10th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BILL OF LADING WILL BE COUNTERSIGNED BY
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 4, 1888. 552

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt co-created by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALLIE ROW, Hawaiian brig, Captain J.
Phillips—WIGOR & CO.

B. P. CHENEY, American ship, Captain
Hughes—DOUGLAS, Lapraik & CO.

BUSTER, British barquentine, Captain
HYDE—CAPTAIN.

CENTENNIAL, American ship, Captain J.
N. BEARSE—RUSSELL & CO.

HATTIE E. TAYLOR, British barque, Capt.
J. McCONNACHY—GIBB, Livingston & CO.

Per *Dianante*, for ANGUL, 45 Chinese;
for MANILA, Messrs G. Achille, G. Lazzari;

Per *Diama*, for DAVAO, 10 Chinese;

Per *Felicita*, for SINGAPORE, 10 Chinese;

Per *Genova*, for SINGAPO

KING Milord of Servia has been making a vain attempt to insure his life. He only wants £50,000, not £1,000,000 for a king, but neither English nor Colonial offices will take the risk. It is true, but his Majesty's is not bad life, in the ordinary sense. Some of the leading seafarers are afraid of it, not any of the long list of all men with whom they are wont to inquire about it; but other contingencies to which Royal personages, especially in Eastern Europe, are supposed to be liable.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *United Service Gazette*, in commenting on the loss of H.M.S. *Wasp*, alleges that the presumed catastrophe was due to defective engines and says: There are also two causes. One is cheap contract, and the other the fear officers in charge of the engines have of getting a bad name if they do not make the best of everything. Take a sister ship to the *Wasp*, the *Rattler*, and if you can get a copy of her log, print in your columns the number of times she stopped for repairs on her way out. This is not called 'breaking down' officially; but if it happened in a typhoon, or on a lee shore, it would certainly be a case of going officially to the bottom. The remedy is so simple, it seems almost childlike to write it. Do not let a firm throw a lot of old iron and brass down the engine-room hatch, and call the debris engines because it saves a thousand pounds, but go to the P. & O., or any of our large ocean-going merchant steamer owners, and find out who engines their ship, and let them have the contract. Look at the thousands of miles these steamers go without stopping their engines, and try and find out how many of our sloops, gun-vessels, and gun-boats have steamed a thousand miles without breaking down, or in official parlance, stopping to screw up, hot bearings, etc. Print this report in your columns, and, further, get their Lordships to issue a memo that every stoppage for repair under steam is to be specially reported on a separate report to the Secretary of the Admiralty, and not filtered through the Inspector of Machinery Department, for they will cry stinking lies, having previously passed the engines into the Service, and report favourably on them at what is misnamed a trial trip.

TOTAL LOSS OF THE *WASP*.

The news of the loss of the *Wasp*, which we published two days ago, has been confirmed. A telegram was received here, dated London, 31st March, stating that the vessel was a total loss. No details were given. The steamer left Liverpool on the 29th February, with a valuable cargo for Penang, Singapore, China, and Japan, and passed the Canal about the 16th March. She was lost near Point de Galle. No news is to hand about the officers and crew. The *Wasp*, which was a vessel of 1,510 tons, left home, it is believed, under the command of Captain Scotland.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present—H. E. Sir William De Vaux, K.C.M.G., Governor; His Honour Mr. J. Russell, Acting Chief Justice; Hon. F. Stewart, Colonial Secretary; Hon. E. L. O'Malley, Attorney General; Hon. A. Lister, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. P. Ryrie, Hon. Wong Shing, Hon. J. Bell-Irving, Hon. A. P. MacEwan, Hon. C. P. Chater, Hon. W. M. Deane, and Mr. Seth, Clerk of Councils.

THE QUEEN AND THE CHINESE JUBILEE ADDRESS.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following despatch:—

Downing Street,
27th February, 1888.
Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 379, of the 19th December last, transmitting an Address from the Chinese residents in Hongkong, congratulating the Queen on the attainment of the 50th year of her reign, and to inform you that the Address has been laid before Her Majesty, together with the pieces of embroidery presented respectively by the Nam Pak Hong Merchants of the Colony and by the Lodging-house Guild.

I am commanded by the Queen to express through you to the senders of this Address the gratification with which she has received the loyal congratulations of her Chinese subjects in Hongkong, and her admiration of the pieces of embroidery, which she has been graciously pleased to accept.

I have the honour to be, &c.
(Signed) KNUTSFORD.

VOTES RECOMMENDED.

The Colonial Secretary also laid on the table minutes of the Executive Council recommending the following votes:—£270 as an allowance for house-rent to the Head Gardener of the Botanical and Afforestation Department; re-vote of £25,000, the sum agreed to be paid to the Jubilee Committee for the celebration and commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee; £770 for the conversion of a portion of the Harbour Office building into quarters for the Imports and Exports Office; £300 as a building grant to the Basil Mission Public School.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, these recommendations were remitted to the Finance Committee.

THE IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BILL WITHDRAWN.

His Excellency—It has just occurred to me on the reading of those minutes that one of the recommendations for a vote of money—that in connection with the Imports and Exports Office—may lead to the opinion that there is still the intention to proceed with the Imports and Exports Bill. Well, I may say that since the meeting of Council at which this subject was last referred to, I have received a petition signed by all the leading Chinese Merchants in the Colony, strongly urging more or less stringent reasons against the Bill. I think some of the facts therein are undoubtedly deserving of serious consideration, but however drafted that petition, I think it is well to say I am not in any way moved by his theories. In fact he gives vent to theories on the subject of political economy evidently with a very superficial knowledge of the subject. He even goes so far as still to fall into an error, which I thought had been exploded to long ago as

the time of Adam Smith, that a Colony was prosperous only in direct proportion to the amount of its exports, and was not proportional to the amount of imports. In fact he looks upon imports as simply an evil to be deplored in exports as the only good thing, forgetting that in England, which has prospered more than any other country, the value of its imports has in almost every year of its history been in excess of that of its exports, which simply shows that the value of its exports has come back with profits.

However, that is a small matter, and I think that probably most of the Chinese merchants who signed that petition did not pay much attention to the theories, but did pay attention to the facts alleged in the petition, which are undoubtedly strong. I also find that there has been by no means unanimity on the part of the European population on the matter in question. Although I have not been officially informed of it, I have learnt that during my absence a meeting of the commercial community, called by the Chamber of Commerce, condemned the Bill by a large majority. That being the case, after very serious consideration—and it is a result I deplore, for I wish I'd had the same opinion on the subject—I think that, while there would be a great deal of good from it in many indefinite, small ways, that are unimportant singly but in the aggregate are of very appreciable importance, at the same time I don't look upon it as one of those all-important matters which would warrant me in proceeding with the Bill against so almost unanimous a public opinion. I therefore withdraw the Bill, at all events for the present, in the hope that some time or other public opinion may, as I think, improve. The vote recommended for the Imports and Exports Office is, as you will see, in connection with what is already in existence.

THE EUROPEAN RESERVATION BILL.

The Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill. He said the scope and purpose of the Bill had been very fully described by His Excellency on its introduction, and it was unnecessary to go over the same ground, more especially as (he (the Attorney General) did not apprehend any opposition to the Bill.

His Excellency—I am most desirous that no one for a moment should imagine that a matter affecting any rights should be passed through hasty, and there being after all no hurry in the matter. I think on the whole, although there has been no second reading, Mr. Ryrie's motion that we will leave it in committee till next week.

THE RATING ORDINANCE.

The Council then went into Committee on the Rating Ordinance.

The Colonial Treasurer said, before he submitted some minor amendments on the Bill as it now stood, he wished to say that at last meeting of the Council he did not make use of the phrase "hypothetical tenement," which the newspapers had put into his mouth. There was no such thing as a hypothetical tenement, and the phrase he used was "hypothetical tenement," a phrase which was well known in connection with rating matters in the United Kingdom as John Doe and Richard Roe" used to be.

The first amendment he had to propose was on section 11, and was to alter the time within which the valuer should serve notice on the occupier or owner of the "tenement" being made, and the amount thereof. The time mentioned was within ten days, which he desired to alter to fourteen days. As most of the amendments he had to move were of a trifling nature he presumed that he might submit them all at once; and the next amendment was with reference to valuations in Chinese villages. The section provided that the Colonial Secretary, on receipt of the list of Chinese tenements for each country district, should cause a copy thereof to be made in Chinese and to be exhibited in a conspicuous place in the principal village of each district.

Mr. Ryrie—There are people who are not very well off who have large families who may live with as small space.

His Excellency—I think as a matter of fact there are no Europeans living with so small an amount of space.

Mr. Ryrie—I think there are large families living together that do not have 1,000 feet.

His Excellency—I only mention this for discussion. It is a matter for local experience.

The Surveyor General—I think 1,000 feet is a fair amount.

The Acting Attorney General moved that the penalty for contravening the Ordinance be a fine of \$100 or three months' imprisonment.

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His Excellency—I may say with reference to the matter that no private interests as far as we are aware are really affected by this Ordinance. It has been brought to my notice since the last meeting of Council that the Land Commission, of which his Honour the Chief Justice now absent from the Colony was chairman, considered the restriction of the building of Chinese houses if it was legal. In fact it is recommended to be continued. Of course the opinion is not given from the Bench, but the inference is to be drawn from it that the restriction is legal and has always been enforced. That is what I gather from the statement. It may not have had so large a meaning, but still it certainly does not imply that those restrictions that the people of Hongkong have believed for a long time to exist are other than in accordance with the law. In that case it is clear that this Ordinance affects no rights at all. It only declares that to be the case which has in fact and in truth been existing before.

Mr. Ryrie—The representation was made to me especially with reference to the part affecting Wanchai, and I think the consideration of the clause might be adjourned.

The motion made by Mr. Ryrie did not

find its way into the bill.

His Excellency—I am most desirous that no one for a moment should imagine that a matter affecting any rights should be passed through hasty, and there being after all no hurry in the matter. I think on the whole, although there has been no second reading, Mr. Ryrie's motion that we will leave it in committee till next week.

THE RATING ORDINANCE.

The Council then went into Committee on the Rating Ordinance.

The Colonial Treasurer said, before he submitted some minor amendments on the Bill as it now stood, he wished to say that at last meeting of the Council he did not make use of the phrase "hypothetical tenement," which the newspapers had put into his mouth. There was no such thing as a hypothetical tenement, and the phrase he used was "hypothetical tenement," a phrase which was well known in connection with rating matters in the United Kingdom as John Doe and Richard Roe" used to be.

The first amendment he had to propose was on section 11, and was to alter the time within which the valuer should serve notice on the occupier or owner of the "tenement" being made, and the amount thereof.

The time mentioned was within ten days, which he desired to alter to fourteen days. As most of the amendments he had to move were of a trifling nature he presumed that he might submit them all at once; and the next amendment was with reference to valuations in Chinese villages. The section provided that the Colonial Secretary, on receipt of the list of Chinese tenements for each country district, should cause a copy thereof to be made in Chinese and to be exhibited in a conspicuous place in the principal village of each district.

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The vote was passed, and this concluded the business.

FIRE BRIGADE INSPECTION.

The Fire Brigade inspection takes place to-morrow on the Cricket Ground. It will commence at 10:30 a.m. and will go on till one o'clock, after which there will be an interval till four. His Excellency the Governor will arrive at the latter hour at the back of the City Hall, where the Government and Volunteer Brigades will be drawn up to receive him. After this various exercises will be engaged in, during which

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